



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

** Please stand as you are able*

WORD OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CHORAL INTROIT

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

Glory to God Hymnal #231

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 1:17-19, 23

Carl Snow

Liturgist: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

All: **Alleluia!**

Liturgist: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

All: **Alleluia!**

Liturgist: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

All: **Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Luke 24:34-35

Carl Snow

Liturgist: Let us pray:

All: **Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, “The Lord has risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*HYMN 252

“Day of Arising”

Glory to God Hymnal

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Carl Snow

Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 Peter 1:17

Carl Snow

Liturgist: God judges all people impartially according to their deeds. Trusting in God’s love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Acts 2:40

All: **Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world’s sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus’ resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 2:39

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Liturgist: Followers of Jesus, God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

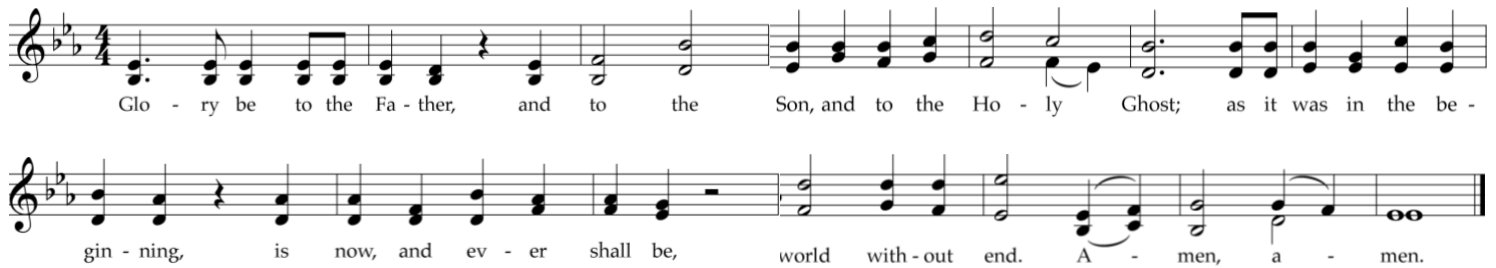
CHORAL RESPONSE

*“Christ Has Risen for the people
He died to love and save”*

Glory to God Hymnal #231

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God Hymnal #581



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Carl Snow

Liturgist: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Haugen/Hayes

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.
God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life. Amen!*

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are dismissed at this time for children’s worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: **Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

*HYMN 235

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

Glory to God Hymnal

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ecumenical Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again; he ascended into heaven, and he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Psalm 116:12

Carl Snow

Liturgist: Bountiful are God's gifts to us. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

OFFERTORY

"How Deep the Father's Love for Me"

Townsend/Wagner

*DOXOLOGY

Glory to God Hymnal #609

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Psalm 116:17

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

*HYMN 839

"Blessed Assurance"

Glory to God Hymnal

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Gift of the Month: This month our community outreach and engagement committee is seeking donations for Four Fountain City schools of snacks (not nuts) including small waters, granola bars, etc. Donations may be brought to the church office during regular business hours.

F3 resumes this week at 6:00 PM. Dinner is provided at no charge- but sign-ups are required to prepare food for everyone. Join us as we study Father Abraham led by Rev. Susan! Scan the QR code to sign up by this Monday.

Called Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26 at 9:30 AM during the Sunday School hour for the purpose of reviewing a disciplinary matter referred to the presbytery.

Fountain City Community Concert: Join us on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 PM for a community concert featuring the Fountain City Ramblers. Food and beverages are being sponsored by KnoxTN Today and will be served from 6:00-6:30 PM. This event is “BYOC” (bring your own chair) and will be rain or shine with the Fellowship Hall serving as backup. We can’t wait to see you there!

JAHRZEIT

May their memory be for a blessing.

4/19/83 Arthur Woodruff, 4/21/90 Mrs. Arthur Woodruff, 4/24/94 Thomas Walker, 4/21/96 Bernice Mayes, 4/20/99 Mary Parker, 4/22/99 Lavonne Butler, 4/20/00 Harold Anderson, 4/22/00 Martha Wyrick, 4/21/04 Richard West, 4/21/06 Margaret Cavalaris, 4/21/08 Ann Cleland, 4/21/09 Lewis Lynn, 4/21/17 Clara Smathers, 4/20/18 Lillian Holsaple, 4/25/24 H.E. Leach

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4/19 Joe Schnorr, 4/20 Linda Schnorr, 4/23 Mary Jane Watson, 4/24 John Willis, 4/25 Tere McDonough

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist Carl Snow
Ushers..... Dana & Mike Lamb, Denna & Don Grogan
Music..... FCPC Chancel Choir
Organist George Hill
Tech Team Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins, April Lamb
Faithful Friends (Children’s Worship) Susan Espiritu, April Lamb

OUR CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor The Rev. Susan Balfour
Church Administrator..... Ashton Hicks
Director of Music Bob Eubanks
Accompanist Angela Bell
Nursery Brittany Smith, Laurismar Wrinkle

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